

**Carl Martin, 93****Oct. 8, 1920 - Jan. 28, 2014****WALNUT** — Carl Walter

Martin, the son of Walter and Claire (Stritmatter) Martin, was born on October 8, 1920 on a farm east of Walnut. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut and attended Walnut High School. He worked on his parents' farm and did chores for neighbors for one dollar a day. His chores on the farm included milking the cows, putting up hay, feeding livestock and chickens. In 1936 he helped build a barn that started him on a lifetime vocation as a carpenter. He so loved the skills he learned building things



that he often exclaimed "I never worked a day in my life". After World War II started, he thought single men should go to war and not married men so, on January 30, 1943 he enlisted in the United States Navy in Omaha, NE. After basic training he was sent to Africa as a Carpenter's Mate First Class where he helped build hospitals with the 67th Construction Battalion. After receiving his honorable discharge on January 16, 1946, he returned to Walnut. Carl attended a dance where he noticed a beautiful young lady. He wasn't a good dancer so he asked her where he could meet her and she said at church. His first date with Teresa Matthiessen was at church. He asked her to marry him on that date. She said "I have to get rid of this engagement ring first".

Carl and Teresa were married on October 8, 1948 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut, and to this union five children were born, Dennis, Patrick, Patricia, Michael and Kathleen. He said the best thing he ever did was to move off the farm because she did not want to marry a farmer. They made their home in Walnut where Carl continued his craft as a carpenter and bullder and remained a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut. Carl died at his home in Walnut on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, having attained the age of ninety-three years, three months, and twenty days.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Teresa on February 26, 2000 in Omaha, NE. Survivors include his children: Dennis Martin and his wife Melissa of Las Vegas, NV, Patrick Martin and his wife Monica of Avoca, Patricia and her husband Don Wolfe of Perkasio, PA, Michael Martin and his wife Deb of Walnut, and Kathleen and her husband Byran Jensen of Las Vegas, NV; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; his sister Mary Hansen of Council Bluffs, and his brother Gerald Martin of Exira; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Rev. Thomas Dooley celebrated the 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut. Music was provided by Donna Muell and the St. Patrick's Choir. Honorary casket bearers were his great-grandchildren: McKenna Martin, Korbin Martin, Charlotte Pattee, Jefferson Pattee, and Quinten Martin. Serving as casket bearers were Carl's grandchildren: Lindsay Martin, Dylan Martin, Chelsy Pattee, Keenan Martin, Dawson Martin, Jason Martin, Chris Martin, and Megan Jensen. Interment was held at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Walnut.

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